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INGREDIENT

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing

concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

Applicant also submits a copy of a Japanese Office Action issued on October 1, 2010 in the corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2005-514507, together with an English-language translation.

Applicant notes that WO 03/007992, JP 2002-097158 A, JP 8-053351 A, JP 7-082146 A and Non-Patent literature document “Shin Yakuzaigaku Soron”, published by Nankodo Co., Ltd. cited in the Japanese Office Action submitted herewith have all previously been cited to the USPTO in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 3, 2006.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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